HEURISTIC KNOWLEDGE PORTAL

Abstract of the Disclosure

5   A user interface method for executing one or more operations in a computer for interfacing an associated user with a knowledge portal **(10)** that is operatively associated with a plurality of data objects in a data store **(12)** includes the steps of: receiving a user input **(202)**; updating, based upon the received user input, one of a current object identity **(82)**, a preview object identity **(86)**, and a K-map parameter

10   **(84)**; updating a K-map conditional upon updating one of a current object identity **(82)** and a K-map parameter **(84)**; displaying in a document pane **(72)** at least a portion of the current object; displaying in a map pane **(74)** the K-map; and displaying in a preview pane **(76)** contents associated with the preview object.

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